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S E C R E T BANGKOK 8505

E.O. 11652: GDS  
SUBJECT:VANG PAO'S FOLLOWERS FLEE TO THAILAND

1. TWO OF VANG PAO'S AIR PLANES HAVE ARRIVED AT THE MILITARY SIDE OF THE UDORN ROYAL THAI AIRBASE CARRYING ABOUT 100 FAMILY MEMBERS OF HIS FOLLOWERS AND A SMALL NUMBER OF HIS MEN. ANOTHER PLANELOAD IS EXPECTED LATER TONIGHT. THE MEO HAVE BEEN MET AND ARE BEING HANDLED AND HOUSED BY THE THAI (SOD 917). THE THAI GOVERNOR OF UDORN PROVINCE, THAI IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AND THE THAI PRESS HAVE ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE REFUGEES, WHO ARE NOW HOUSED BY THE THAI IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE OUTSIDE THE AIR BASE.

2. THROUGH THAI ARMY CHANNELS, SOD 917 HAS ASKED FOR THE ROYAL THAI ARMY'S APPROVAL TO RELOCATE THESE REFUGEES TO NAM PHONG AIRBASE AND TO USE THIS TO HOUSE OTHERS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE TOMORROW. WE KNOW THE GENERAL SERM HAS THIS MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT IT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY REQUIRE HIGHEST LEVEL APPROVAL AND AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN OBTAINED.

3. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING HERE IN BANGKOK THAT U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THIS MOVEMENT OF VANG PAO'S FOLLOWERS HAS BEEN  
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LIMITED TO THE JOINT LIAISON DETACHMENT IN UDORN PASSING AN

INITIAL MESSAGE ON THIS MATTER FROM VANG PAO TO THE THAIS (SOD 917). IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT ALL POSSIBLE STEPS BE TAKEN TO AVOID GIVING ANY IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE INVOLVED IN MOVING THESE PEOPLE INTO THAILAND OR THAT WE HAVE TAKEN ANY OTHER ACTIONS WHICH WOULD INFRINGE ON THAI SOVEREIGNTY.

4. AS SOON AS THE THAI AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL IN BANGKOK FIND OUT THROUGH THEIR OWN CHANNELS JUST WHAT IS GOING ON, I EXPECT TO HEAR FROM THEM. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON POSITION I SHOULD TAKE REGARDING THIS LATEST GROUP OF REFUGEES.

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